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SUBJECT: INDIAN NUCLEAR ASSURANCES

REF: NEW DELHI 5463

1. WE CAN APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN BUT THINK THE POTENTIAL COSTS IN TERMS OF OUR NONPROLIFERATION OBJECTIVES OF NOT SEEKING TO OBTAIN CONFIRMATION OF EXISTING ASSURANCES FAR OUTWEIGH THE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED. WE MAY NOT SUCCEED IN GETTING EVERYTHING THAT THE NRC WANTS BUT PERHAPS WE CAN GET SOMETHING.

2. IN VIEW OF THE COINCIDENTAL VISIT BY VELLODI WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO INITIATE THIS DIALOGUE WITH HIM, EXPLAINING THE NRC BACKGROUND TO HIM AND STRESSING THAT OUR
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GOAL IS NOT SIMPLY APPROVAL OF THIS SHIPMENT BUT CONTINUED COOPERATION FOR 24 MONTHS WHILE WE SEEK TO RESOLVE OUR DIFFERENCES. OUR OBJECTIVE WILL BE TO CONVINCE HIM THAT THE GOI HAS NOTHING TO LOSE AND CONSIDERABLE TO GAIN BY PROVIDING THE REASSURANCES.

3. NYE-VELLODI MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 10:30 A.M., ON

APRIL 15. ADDITIONAL MATERIAL BEING POUCHED TO YOU. VANCE

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